

Annual training time reduced

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Mandatory ancillary training to take no more than 90 minutes

Air Force leaders have decided to reduce ancillary training to 90 minutes a year.

The numerous training briefings Airmen are required to attend annually will be combined into a new "block instruction" plan. Instead of time-consuming briefings on several subjects, training will be arranged so that time is used more efficiently while still getting Airmen the information they need.

"I will not let ancillary training overshadow our combat focus; these concrete steps will tip the scales to give Airmen more time to focus on their primary mission," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley said.

- The program takes effect Oct. 1, 2007
- Under the new 90-minute "block instruction" plan, Airmen will save almost an entire workday or about 8.65 hours per person.
- A team is reviewing training courses and will soon determine exactly which briefings will be part of the new program.
- Unit commanders will have the choice of holding the entire 90 minutes at once in a mass briefing, or dividing it up into shorter segments throughout the year.
- The blocks will also be available as both group and individual computer presentations.
- The 90-minutes of briefings will satisfy annual training requirements, but there will still be some instances when the standard briefings will be needed, such as new Airmen arriving at their first duty station or Airmen heading for an overseas assignment.

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